

# EXHIBIT A

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May 24, 2018

First National Bank of Omaha  
1620 Dodge Street  
Omaha, NE 68197

Via Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE: Harold Allen v. First National Bank of Omaha  
Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas  
Docket: 2018-cv-05814

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a complaint in the above-reference matter. I look forward to your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Brett M. Freeman

BF/smd

Harold Allen  
1599 N. Mulberry Street, Apt. 7  
Berwick, PA 18603,

Plaintiff

v.

First National Bank of Omaha  
1620 Dodge Street  
Omaha, NE 68197,

Defendant

IN THE LUZERNE COUNTY  
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Civil Action

No.

201805814

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**NOTICE**

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claim set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by an attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED RATE OR NO FEE.

**AVISO**

A USTED SE LE HA DEMANDADO EN LA CORTE. Si usted quiere defenderse contra la demanda expuesta en las siguientes páginas, tiene que tomar acción en un plazo de veinte (20) días después que reciba esta demanda y aviso, por presentar una notificación de comparecencia escrita personalmente o por un abogado y radicar por escrito en la Corte sus defensas u objeciones a las demandas presentadas en su contra. Se le advierte que si falla en hacerlo, el caso podría seguir adelante sin usted y un fallo podría ser dictado en su contra por la Corte sin previo aviso por cualquier dinero reclamado en la demanda o por cualquier otro reclamo o agravio pedido por el/la demandante. Puede que usted pierda dinero o propiedad u otros derechos importantes para usted. USTED DEBE LLEVAR ESTE DOCUMENTO A SU ABOGADO INMEDIATAMENTE. SI NO TIENE ABOGADO, DIRÍJASE O LLAME POR TELÉFONO A LA OFICINA CUYA DIRECCIÓN SE ENCUENTRA ABAJO. ESTA OFICINA PUEDE

## Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Court of Common Pleas

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SECTION A

## Commencement of Action:

- ☒ Complaint
 ☐ Writ of Summons
 ☐ Petition
 ☐ Declaration of Taking
 ☐ Transfer from Another Jurisdiction

Lead Plaintiff's Name:

Harold Allen

Lead Defendant's Name:

First National Bank of Omaha

Are money damages requested? ☒ Yes ☐ NoDollar Amount Requested: ☐ within arbitration limits  
(check one) ☒ outside arbitration limitsIs this a *Class Action Suit*? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIs this an *MDJ Appeal*? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Plaintiff/Appellant's Attorney: Brett Freeman

☐ Check here if you have no attorney (are a Self-Represented [Pro Se] Litigant)

SECTION B

**Nature of the Case:** Place an "X" to the left of the ONE case category that most accurately describes your **PRIMARY CASE**. If you are making more than one type of claim, check the one that you consider most important.

## TORT (do not include Mass Tort)

- ☐ Intentional  
☐ Malicious Prosecution  
☐ Motor Vehicle  
☐ Nuisance  
☐ Premises Liability  
☐ Product Liability (does not include mass tort)  
☐ Slander/Libel/ Defamation  
☐ Other:

## MASS TORT

- ☐ Asbestos  
☐ Tobacco  
☐ Toxic Tort - DES  
☐ Toxic Tort - Implant  
☐ Toxic Waste  
☐ Other:

## PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

- ☐ Dental  
☐ Legal  
☐ Medical  
☐ Other Professional:

## CONTRACT (do not include Judgments)

- ☐ Buyer Plaintiff  
☐ Debt Collection: Credit Card  
☐ Debt Collection: Other

- ☐ Employment Dispute:  
 Discrimination  
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☐ Other:

## REAL PROPERTY

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☐ Quiet Title  
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## CIVIL APPEALS

- Administrative Agencies  
☐ Board of Assessment  
☐ Board of Elections  
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☐ Statutory Appeal: Other

- ☐ Zoning Board  
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 Telephone Consumer  
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**COMPLAINT**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 (hereinafter “the Act”). Defendant made multiple calls to Plaintiff on a number assigned to a cellular telephone service using equipment regulated by the Act.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3), which permits an action for a violation of the Act to be brought in an appropriate state court.

3. Venue in this Court is proper in that the conduct complained of occurred here and Defendant transacts business here.

III. PARTIES

4. Plaintiff is a natural person residing at 1599 N. Mulberry Street, Apt. 7, Berwick, PA 18603. When he received the telephone calls at issue in this case, Plaintiff resided in Luzerne County.

PROVEERLE CON INFORMACIÓN SOBRE COMO CONTRATAR UN ABOGADO. SI NO TIENE LOS FONDOS SUFICIENTES PARA CONTRATAR UN ABOGADO, ESTA OFICINA PODRÍA PROPORCIONARLE INFORMACIÓN ACERCA DE AGENCIAS QUE PUEDAN OFRECERLES SERVICIOS LEGALES A PERSONAS QUE REÚNAN LOS REQUISITOS A UN HONORARIO REDUCIDO O GRATIS.

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5. Defendant, First National Bank of Omaha, is a corporation with a place of business located at 1620 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68197. At all relevant times, Defendant placed calls to individuals in this state.

#### IV. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

6. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times was, a “person” as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

7. Defendant is, and at all relevant times was, a “person” as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

8. Plaintiff has a cellular telephone number that he has had at all relevant times. Plaintiff has only used this number as a cellular telephone number, and does not believe that it was ever ported from a wireline service.

9. At all relevant times this phone number has been assigned to a cellular telephone service.

#### *Count 1- Violation of the Act*

10. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.

11. Congress enacted the Act to prevent real harm. Congress found that “automated or pre-recorded calls are a nuisance and an invasion of privacy, regardless of the type of call” and decided that “banning” such calls made without consent was “the only effective means of protecting telephone consumers from this nuisance and privacy invasion.”

12. Defendant caused to be made an unknown number of calls to Plaintiff's cell phone number.

13. Defendant's phone calls harmed Plaintiff by causing the very harm that Congress sought to prevent—a “nuisance and invasion of privacy.”

14. Defendant's phone calls harmed Plaintiff by trespassing upon and interfering with Plaintiff's rights and interests in Plaintiff's cellular telephone and Plaintiff's cellular telephone line.

15. Defendant's phone calls harmed Plaintiff by intruding upon Plaintiff's seclusion.

16. The calls made to Plaintiff's cell phone were made using an automatic telephone dialing system, as that term is defined in 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(1). The factual allegations in this paragraph are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation and discovery.

17. The calls made to Plaintiff's cell phone were made using an artificial or prerecorded voice.

18. These telephone calls were not made for "emergency purposes", as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200.

19. These telephone calls were not made with the Plaintiff's prior express consent.

20. These telephone calls were placed while Plaintiff was in the United States.

21. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3), Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every call Defendant caused to be made to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number.

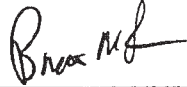
22. Plaintiff is also entitled to increased damages, as these calls were made willfully and/or knowingly. The factual allegations in this paragraph are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation and discovery.

23. For each violation that was made willfully and/or knowingly, the Court may, in its discretion, increase the amount of the award to an amount equal to, but not more than, \$1,500.00 per call.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant for statutory damages between \$500.00 and \$1,500.00 per call, costs, equitable relief, and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

V. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.



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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.



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**Verification of Complaint and Certification  
by Plaintiff Harold Allen**

Plaintiff, Harold Allen, being duly sworn according to law, deposes as follows:

1. I am the plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law.
4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass the Defendant, cause unnecessary delay to the Defendant, or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to the Defendant, named in the Complaint.
5. I have filed this civil Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.


I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 23, 2018.

  
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Harold Allen, Plaintiff

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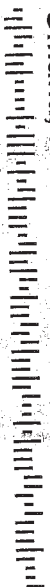
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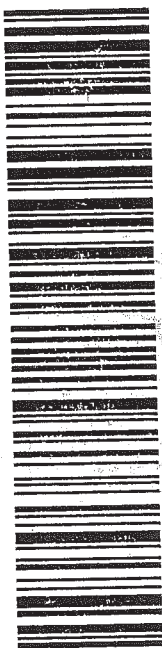
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